

Friday Sept. 15, 1967

Dear Family,

We had a very good trip back, cool weather, and the desert very green, full of wild flowers. There had been lots of rain in the desert, especially Texas, since we left. It was greener than I had ever seen it before. And there really is some beautiful country in this huge state... the mountains and hills and valleys around the Big Bend area and north (Alpine, Marathon, Sanderson... all very pretty little towns tucked away in the hills), and of course farm land has a new interest for me. I find orchards and groves and cotton and spinach and tomatoes beautiful, all laid out and green, ready for the crews. But one reason that they are beautiful is that someday the Union will be in that orchard or grove or field, and that is a pleasing thought.

I don't know if your library carries the Catholic Worker. If it doesn't, it should. At any rate, they printed an article of mine in their July-August issue. I have only one copy here, that I wanted to keep. But I'll try to order some more to send out to people. If you can't get your hands on a copy, I'll send one to you when I get them. I just wrote another article for them, which I think I'll also send off to the Atlantic. I did an article for Liberation, but I don't know if it was printed or not. It was a rather dry history of the strike here.

Cathy Rodriguez gets the New York Times (a wedding gift), and I found a pleasing article by Russell Baker

taking a jab at us Honkie Liberals. I thought Papa would enjoy it if he missed it. I didn't ~~cont~~ it out because there is an article on migrant camps in New Jersey, which also might interest you and him.

Enclosed at last is your credit card, and with much appreciation. The trip back turned out to be quite expensive, with poor mileage, perhaps because of the load. At any rate, we spent \$40 on gas. We arrived in Rio Grande absolutely broke, and used your credit card two times, I think. I had planned on giving it back before we left California. I'm glad I forgot. I may have used it as many as 8 or 10 times in California, so you will probably get a \$20 bill off of it. (Reynaldo also signed on it a couple of times when I was in the car asleep or something. He signed both times in Texas and once in Delano, I think. So don't reject his signature.)

The Union is in bad shape here, and the future is very confused. Dolores put strong pressure on me to stay in Delano and put out the paper there, and I am having guilt feelings that I didn't. But I wanted to come back here. Logically, the Union needs a paper in Delano much more than it needs one here. So the pull is on me. I may come back at Christmas for a long stay in Delano. I've got all kinds of projects in the fire here to raise money, though, and I wish I could find someone to handle the paper while I'm gone. There's no work from Dave... and his money hasn't come through here yet. If he doesn't come I would definitely throw in the towel here, I think.

Love to all  
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